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TWO FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Eugene Donald Greathouse**, 44, and **Cassandra Lee Schank**, 42, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa, each entered a guilty plea on February 2, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to **one count of conspiracy to produce unauthorized United States government identification documents, possess counterfeit checks, and possess counterfeit U.S. currency.**

Melgren stated that Greathouse and Schank admitted at their pleas that from August 22, 2003, through September 18, 2003, they conspired to produce unauthorized United States government identification documents (military identification cards), possessed counterfeit checks, and possessed counterfeit U.S. currency. Greathouse and Schank admitted that on August 22, 2003, they fraudulently used a modified Sam's Club credit card belonging to another person to obtain a laptop computer and software from Sam's Club in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Greathouse and Schank also admitted that they used the computer and software to create false and fraudulent personal and business checks and false U.S. military identification cards and that they used the counterfeit checks to purchase goods and services from unsuspecting businesses in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas. Schank also admitted that on August 25, 2003, she used a stolen Sam's Club credit card to purchase a laptop computer for \$1,298.73 from Sam's Club in Omaha, Nebraska. Greathouse and Schank also admitted that they possessed transparencies used to reproduce counterfeit one dollar, five dollar, and one hundred dollar Federal Reserve Notes. Greathouse admitted that he presented a counterfeit check for \$632.94 on September 1, 2003, to a Walmart store in Hiawatha, Kansas. Greathouse further admitted that he used a fraudulent military identification card to open a bank account at the Exchange National Bank and Trust in Atchison, Kansas, on September 15, 2003, and obtained more than \$1,000 from transactions at the bank.

Greathouse and Schank each face a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for May 10, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

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Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker in this prosecution.